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### **Two Drug Distributors Plead Guilty to Federal Drug Trafficking Offenses**

*--more than 500 grams of cocaine and three firearms seized during execution of search warrant--*

WASHINGTON - Two local individuals, Stacy Anthony Moore, 37, of Washington, D.C., and Carol Samoun, 24, of Annandale Virginia, pled guilty to various federal drug trafficking offenses today, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor announced. Specifically, Moore pled guilty to Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute 50 Grams or More of Cocaine Base and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by a Person Convicted of a Crime Punishable by Imprisonment for a Term Exceeding One Year. Samoun pled guilty to Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin. All of these charges originated from the execution of a search warrant at Moore's residence. Moore and Samoun will be sentenced by U.S. District Judge John D. Bates in June 2009.

According to the government's evidence, on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at approximately 2:59 a.m., special agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration and members of the Metropolitan Police Department NSID Gun Recovery Unit executed a search warrant at an apartment located at 2215 Hunter Place, SE, Washington, D.C. While inside, the officers discovered Stacy Anthony Moore and Carol Samoun in the back bedroom. Moore was found on the bed and Samoun was found next to a closet in the same bedroom and both defendants were within arms length of a loaded black Taurus .40 caliber semi-auto hand gun laying on the floor. The Taurus handgun was loaded with 14 rounds of .40 caliber ammunition in the magazine and one round in the chamber. Moore and Samoun were immediately taken into custody.

In a further search of the bedroom, the officers found \$7,773.00 in U.S. currency which was seized from the top of a night stand in the bedroom. Seized from the left bedroom

closet was a black MP .45 caliber semi-auto handgun with 22 rounds of .45 caliber ammunition in the magazine. Pictures of both defendants and paperwork linking Moore to the listed location were also seized from the location. Inside the kitchen cabinet, the officers found: (1) a large freezer bag containing approximately 286 grams of a white powder substance which tested positive for cocaine; (2) a large freezer bag containing approximately 230 grams of a white powder substance which also tested positive for cocaine; and (3) a paper towel containing 59.6 grams of white rock substance which tested positive for cocaine base. Additionally, seized from inside the kitchen cabinet was a sandwich bag containing brown compressed powder weighing 33.5 grams which tested positive for heroin. Found in the living room were a DPMS Panther Arms .223 Caliber Rifle, located in a long black gun case, and 18 rounds of .223 caliber ammunition inside the magazine and one loose round located inside the black gun case. Moreover, seized from inside the residence were various drug paraphernalia used to distribute controlled substances, such as, a box containing several empty one ounce bottles, a trash bag containing suspected packaging for cocaine, three digital scales, a bag containing 18 loose .9 mm ammunition, two money counting machines, and baking soda and manitol - used as cutting agents for cocaine.

In announcing the guilty pleas, U.S. Attorney Taylor commended Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agents Luke McGuire, Tim McGrath, and Luis Burgos, and Metropolitan Police Department Officers Ryan Roe, Jeffrey Masalona, Herb Leboo, Desiree Walker, Kirk Del Po and Sergeant Justine Truby, for their work on the investigation of this case. In addition, U.S. Attorney Taylor also commended Legal Assistants Nadiyyah Ishman, and Tammy Scott, as well as Intelligence Research Specialist Sharon Johnson, and Paralegal Specialist Candace Battle who assisted in the investigation and prosecution. Finally, U.S. Attorney Taylor praised Assistant U.S. Attorney Emory V. Cole, who investigated and is prosecuting this matter.

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